

<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil>

The Department of Defense website has wonderful information to support families managing a military career and family special needs. Select "Troops & Families" on the top and then "Special Needs/EFMP" on the left. There are even bulletin boards where you can share ideas with other military parents.

<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/efmp>

This USMC EFMP website will provide you the latest information on the program, as well as forms and contact numbers for your installation EFMP Coordinator.



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(EFMP) assists Marine Families in managing the dual demands of a Marine Corps career and the special needs of a family member. An Exceptional Family Member (EFM) is a family member, enrolled in DEERS and residing with their sponsor who may require special medical or educational services based upon a diagnosed physical, intellectual or emotional need.



## ENROLLMENT

Details on how to enroll can be found at [www.usmc-mccs.org/efmp](http://www.usmc-mccs.org/efmp) along with copies of the required form(s).

After receiving an enrollment form, an EFMP representative will review the enrollment form for potential stabilization or priority housing considerations. Families who wish EFMP support will be contacted by an Installation EFMP Case Manager who will use all available community and installation resources to facilitate services and continuity of care for the family.

## WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF ENROLLMENT?

### RESPIRE CARE

40 hours of respite care per month are available to EFMP enrolled families whose family members have a severely limiting condition or little age-appropriate self-help skills. For details, please visit [www.usmc-mccs.org](http://www.usmc-mccs.org) or call the EFMP Coordinator whose number is on the back of this brochure.

### ECHO

There is an opportunity for additional medical coverage in the form of TRICARE's Extended Care Health Option (ECHO). ECHO is a program available only to families of active duty service members enrolled in the EFMP, whose family members have substantial needs.

ECHO provides benefits not available through the basic TRICARE program, such as special education, durable equipment, rehabilitative care and respite care. ECHO benefits are not available in overseas locations.

To find more information on ECHO, visit [www.tricare.mil/echo](http://www.tricare.mil/echo) or call the EFMP Coordinator whose number is on the back of this brochure



## ASSIGNMENT COORDINATION

HQMC EFMP screens proposed accompanied orders for enrolled Marines to ensure that the special needs identified in a family's EFMP enrollment form (DD2792) can be met at the proposed duty location.

If sufficient care is not available, EFMP will work to ensure a duty location where both career progression needs and Exceptional Family Member needs are met.

## RELOCATION SUPPORT

The installation EFMP Case Managers at both the losing and gaining installations will assist in the transition of medical and educational care. Their goal is to ensure that families enjoy a continuum of care that will continue throughout their sponsor's Marine Corps career and provide a seamless medical and educational transition for the EFM.

## COORDINATION FOR SPECIAL HOUSING

During relocation, or when a need for accommodation is identified, your installation EFMP Case Manager will liaison with installation housing to ensure needs are met.

## ADVOCACY & EDUCATION

EFMP Installation Case Managers will assist families with issues ranging from school services and access to therapies, to TRICARE referrals. They provide classes, resources and materials to help families learn to be their EFM's best advocate.

